

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
25x'25 INITIATIVE
and
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is between the *25x'25 Initiative* and the *San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization (SJVCEO)* together referred to as “*the Parties.*”

The 25x'25 Initiative is an effort to set a national goal for America to produce 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources like solar, wind, and biofuels by 2025. As of the date of this memorandum, the 25x'25 Initiative has been endorsed by more than 550 organizations, including 70 leading agricultural organizations, 26 Governors and 12 state legislatures. The 25x'25 vision has also been embraced by an array of bipartisan leaders, including Governors Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mitch Daniels, Ed Rendell, and Brian Schweitzer; Senator Ken Salazar; former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle; former House Speaker Newt Gingrich; former CIA director R. James Woolsey; and former Senator Timothy E. Wirth.

The SJVCEO is an independent 501c3 public benefit corporation governed by a board of diverse San Joaquin Valley stakeholders appointed by the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The mission of the SJVCEO is to lead a regional effort to develop, plan and implement energy efficiencies and clean energy throughout the 8-county San Joaquin Valley (the “Valley”).

The Parties have agreed to work together to make the San Joaquin Valley a regional demonstration project for the achievement of the goals of the 25x'25 initiative. The expectations of the parties are that the Valley will demonstrate how the generation of renewable energy will result in positive economic opportunities, including increasing net farm income, while improving environmental and human health and helping reducing oil demand. The Valley will serve as a template for other areas of California and regions of the U.S., with appropriate adaptations to be made in each region based on local considerations, including their particular asset base of renewable resources. A primary objective of this project is to build a strong base of support for the statewide 25x'25 Alliance that is being developed in California. With that aim, the Parties have agreed as follows:

The SJVCEO will:

1. Develop and maintain an inventory of renewable energy projects in the San Joaquin Valley.
2. Define the potential for renewable energy in the San Joaquin Valley by the year 2025.
3. Develop a plan to attain that potential, including:

- Means of accelerating technology development and commercialization.
 - Means of addressing obstacles in the way, including marketing barriers and regulatory constraints.
 - Recommended legislation to help accelerate deployment of renewable energy projects.
4. Act as a catalyst for implementation of the plan including:
 - a. relationship-building between public sector agencies, private sector companies and academic and other institutions involved in basic and applied R&D related to renewable energy;
 - b. assistance with securing of project funding;
 - c. support of technology demonstration projects; and
 - d. provision of technical assistance.
 5. Act as a clearing house for information on renewable energy projects in the Valley.
 6. Maintain regular communications with California 25x'25 State Alliance leaders sharing experiences, results and progress.
 7. Provide regular progress reports to the 25x'25 Initiative.

The 25x'25 Initiative will:

1. Help facilitate the project through a regional coordinator and support initiatives for Valley projects that are consistent with the goals of the 25x'25 Initiative.
2. Use its communication channels to disseminate reports on the progress of the San Joaquin Valley demonstration project to 25x'25 partners and state alliances across the country.

Nothing contained in this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING shall grant to any party the right to make commitments of any kind for or on behalf of any other party without the prior written consent of that party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Parties hereto have caused this MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING to be executed as of the effective date last written below.

For the **25x'25 Initiative**

For the **SJVCEO**

Name

Name

Date

Date